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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: OCLR, ZA, SF

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PANAM OVERFLIGHT

REF: 76 LUSAKA 458, AND PREVIOUS TELS

- 1. PANAM REP AHLEFELD ADVISED EMBASSY FEBRUARY 16 THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ITS ZAMBIAN COUNTERPART THAT WEEKLY PANAM CARGO FLIGHT (FLT 175) FROM JOHANNESBURG TO KINSHASA AND WEST AFRICA NO LONGER HAS PERMISSION TO OVERFLY ZAMBIAN AIRSPACE. AHLEFELD ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING REASON FOR ABRUPT CANCELLATION OF OVERFLIGHT RIGHT.
- 2. AS BACKGROUND, AHLEFELD NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE STRANGE FOR DECISION TO BE BASED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS WHEN SAFAIR FLIES FREQUENTLY TO LUSAKA FROM JOHANNESBURG WITH EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY ZAMBIA. ONLY PANAM AFFECTED BECAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER LINES USING 747S CAN FLY OVER WATER TO WEST AFRICA. ALSO NOTED FLIGHT CARRIES UP TO FIVE TONS OF FOODSTUFFS FOR KINSHASA COMMISSARY.

3. WILL BE RECALLED THAT GOZ GRANTED PANAM OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS IN FEBRUARY 1976 AFTER NUMBER OF APPROACHES BY EMBASSY LUSAKA (REFTELS). WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LUSAKA

CONFIRMING THAT OVERFLIGHTS CANCELLED AND ENDEAVORING LEARN REASON FOR DECISION. BOWDLER

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